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V. Castelli, et al : Group Art No.: 2172  
Serial No. 09/237,646 : Examiner: C. Truong  
Filed: January 26, 1999 : for IBM Corporation  
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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS 3173 Cedar Road  
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Authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account 50-0510 in the amount of \$330.00, for filing a Notice of Appeal

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